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Organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items to be allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Third Committee (A/C.3/54/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/54/100).

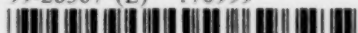
Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session, relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee, the schedule of related intergovernmental meetings and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

3. In accordance with the wish of the Committee, time will be allocated for a question-and-answer session with senior Secretariat officials and with the special rapporteurs and special representatives on human rights questions following presentation of their reports under sub-item 116 (c). It should also be noted that delegations may make one statement each under sub-items 116 (a) and (d), which are to be discussed separately. Delegations may also make two statements under sub-items 116 (b), (c) and (e), but they should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.

List of documents

4. Attention is drawn to the status of preparation of documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (A/C.3/54/L.1/Add.1). Because of the critical need for the timely issuance of documentation, that document will be revised to update the information contained therein.



Length of statements

5. In accordance with established practice, the Committee has decided to limit statements on all agenda items. The time limit for statements in the general discussion of the various agenda items is seven minutes for delegations and 15 minutes for representatives of groups of delegations. Secretariat officials will also be limited to seven-minute statements, except when they deliver oral reports. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the same day and both meetings are devoted to consideration of the same item. The first statement in exercise of the right of reply may be five minutes, and the second statement should be no longer than three minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

6. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement that at least one quarter of the members of the Committee must be present to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Control and limitation of documentation

7. The Committee's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995 on the control and limitation of documentation. The Secretariat wishes to emphasize, in particular, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of that resolution, in which the Assembly requested, *inter alia*, restraint on the part of members of all intergovernmental bodies in making proposals containing requests for new reports.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

8. The Committee is reminded that in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/54/3) are to be considered in conjunction with documentation under other agenda items, as well as under item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

9. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Third Committee and previous decisions of the General Assembly, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 19 November for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Proposed programme of work of the Third Committee

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
<i>Tuesday, 14 September</i>	
(Plenary of the General Assembly) Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees to elect the Chairpersons	
<i>Tuesday, 21 September</i>	
3 p.m. Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
<i>Week of 4-8 October</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 6 October</i>	
10 a.m. Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat official and general discussion of:	
<i>Item 106</i> Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999 (A/54/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (A/54/57) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the World Programmes of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (A/54/59) Interim report of the Secretary-General and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress towards the goal of education for all: the year 2000 assessment (A/54/128-E/1999/70)

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General, prepared in conjunction with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on effective ways and means for achieving education for all (A/54/128-E/1999/70)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons, 1999 (A/54/268)
	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the International Year of the Family (A/54/256)
	Note by the Secretary-General regarding the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes (A/54/62)
1 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on item 106	
Thursday, 7 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 106 General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 8 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 106 General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 106	
Week of 11-15 October	
Monday, 11 October	
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 109 Advancement of women ^a	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999 (A/54/3)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the twentieth and twenty-first sessions (A/54/38/Rev.1)

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/54/123-E/1999/66) Report of the Secretary-General on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (A/54/342) Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (A/54/341) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/54/224) Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/54/156-E/1999/102 and A/54/156/Add.1-E/1999/102/Add.1) Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/54/225) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (A/54/264) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" on its second session (E/1999/60)
Item 110 Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women ^a	
6 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on items 109 and 110	
Tuesday, 12 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items 109 and 110 General discussion (continued)	

Programme	Documentation
<i>Wednesday, 13 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. <i>Items 109 and 110</i> General discussion (continued)	
<i>Thursday, 14 October</i>	
3 p.m. <i>Items 109 and 110</i> General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m. <i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 109 and 110</i>	
<i>Friday, 15 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat official and general discussion of: <i>Item 107</i> Crime prevention and criminal justice ^b	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999 (A/54/3) Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women (A/54/69-E/1999/8) Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/54/289) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation against the world drug problem (A/54/186)
<i>Item 108</i> International drug control ^b	
1 p.m. <i>Closure of list of speakers on items 107 and 108</i>	

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
<i>Week of 18–22 October</i>	
<i>Monday, 18 October</i>	
3 p.m. <i>Items 107 and 108 General discussion (continued)</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 19 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. <i>Items 107 and 108 General discussion (continued)</i>	
<i>Wednesday, 20 October</i>	
10 a.m. <i>Items 107 and 108 General discussion (concluded)</i>	
1 p.m. <i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 107 and 108</i>	
<i>Thursday, 21 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Introductory statements, dialogue with Special Rapporteur and general discussion of:	
<i>Item 11⁴</i> Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999 (A/54/3)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/54/18)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance
	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/54/299)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism and racial discrimination

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
<i>Item 115^c Right of peoples to self-determination</i>	Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/54/327)
1 p.m. <i>Closure of list of speakers on items 114 and 115</i>	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/54/326)
<i>Friday, 22 October</i>	
10 a.m. <i>Items 114 and 115 General discussion (continued)</i>	
<i>Week of 25-29 October</i>	
<i>Monday, 25 October</i>	
3 p.m. <i>Items 114 and 115 General discussion (concluded)</i>	
6 p.m. <i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 114 and 115</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 26 October</i> No meetings	
<i>Wednesday, 27 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
<i>Item 112 Promotion and protection of the rights of children</i>	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/54/265)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the protection of children affected by armed conflict
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
1 p.m. <i>Closure of list of speakers on item 112</i>	
<i>Thursday, 28 October</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. <i>Item 112</i> General discussion (continued)	
<i>Friday, 29 October</i>	
10 a.m. <i>Item 112</i> General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m. <i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 112</i>	
<i>Week of 1-5 November</i>	
<i>Monday, 1 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of: <i>Item 113</i> Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of activities for the Decade
1 p.m. <i>Closure of list of speakers on item 113</i>	
6 p.m. <i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 113</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 2 November</i>	
3 p.m. Introductory statements and general discussion of: <i>Item 116 (a)^{d e}</i> Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999 (A/54/3) Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/54/40) Report of the Committee against Torture (A/54/44)

Programme	Documentation
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (A/54/277)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/54/189)
	Report of the Secretary-General on operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/54/177)
	Note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery
6 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on item 116 (a)	
Wednesday, 3 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 116 (a) General discussion (concluded)	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 116 (a)	
Thursday, 4 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and with special rapporteurs and representatives and general discussion of:	
Item 116 (b) ^{d e}	Report of the Secretary-General on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/54/303)
Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/54/222 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Cambodia

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/54/216)

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Plan of Action for the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004 (A/54/318)

Report of the Secretary-General on public information activities in the field of human rights (A/54/317)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/54/319)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization regarding the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (A/54/137)

Item 116 (c)^{d,e} Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the activities of the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on Rwanda

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq

- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on human rights in Haiti
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteurs on a joint mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Nigeria
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Kosovo
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a note regarding human rights in southern Lebanon and west Bekaa (A/54/188)
- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/54/36)
- Item 116 (d)^{d e}* Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action
- Item 116 (e)^{d e}* Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Programme	Documentation
1 p.m. Closure of list of speakers on items 116 (b) to (e)	
Friday, 5 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items 116 (b) to (e)	Dialogue with special rapporteurs and representatives and general discussion (continued)
Week of 8-12 November	
Monday, 8 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items 116 (b) to (e)	General discussion (continued)
Tuesday, 9 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items 116 (b) to (e)	General discussion (continued)
Wednesday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items 116 (b) to (e)	General discussion (continued)
Thursday, 11 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Items 116 (b) to (e)	General discussion (concluded)
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 116 (b), (c), (d) and (e)	

Programme	Documentation
<i>Friday, 12 November</i>	
10 a.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with the High Commissioner for Refugees and general discussion of:	
<i>Item 111</i> Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/54/12 and Add.1)
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (A/54/285)
	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (A/54/286)
	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa
1 p.m. <i>Closure of list of speakers on item 111</i>	
<i>Week of 15-19 November</i>	
<i>Monday, 15 November</i>	
3 p.m.	
<i>Item 111</i> General discussion (continued)	
<i>Tuesday, 16 November</i>	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
<i>Item 111</i> General discussion (continued)	

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Documentation</i>
Wednesday, 17 November	
10 a.m.	<i>Item 111</i> General discussion (concluded)
1 p.m.	<i>Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 111</i>
3 p.m.	Action on outstanding draft proposals
Thursday, 18 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Action on outstanding draft proposals
Friday, 19 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	<i>Item 12</i> Report of the Economic and Social Council Report of the Economic and Social Council for 1999 (A/54/3)
	Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

^a It is proposed to discuss items 109 and 110 jointly, delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish

^b It is proposed to discuss items 107 and 108 jointly, delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish

^c See General Assembly decision 52/428, items 114 and 115 to be discussed jointly, delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish

^d See General Assembly decision 53/434, sub-items (a) and (d) to be discussed separately, sub-items (b), (c) and (e) to be discussed jointly

^e See General Assembly decision 53/434, delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (e), but should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items

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Agenda item 106

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Policies and programmes involving youth

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 1999/18, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

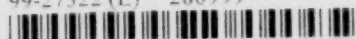
The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond, annexed thereto, as an integral part of that resolution,

Recalling also its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 19 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations and 40/14 of 18 November 1985 entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", by which the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth, as contained in the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its fourth session, held at Vienna from 25 March to 3 April 1985,¹ were endorsed,

Noting especially that, in paragraph 123 of the Programme of Action, current regional and international conferences of ministers responsible for youth affairs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Asia were invited to intensify cooperation among one another and to consider meeting regularly at the international level under the aegis of the United Nations to provide an effective forum for a global dialogue on youth-related issues,

¹ A/40/256, annex



Noting that, in paragraph 124 of the Programme of Action, youth-related bodies and organizations of the United Nations system were invited to cooperate with the above-mentioned conferences,

Recalling that, in paragraph 125 of the Programme of Action, the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System was invited to contribute to the implementation of the Programme of Action through the identification and promotion of joint initiatives to further its objectives so that they better reflected the interests of youth,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/55 of 23 July 1997 and General Assembly resolution 52/83 of 12 December 1997, in which the Council and the Assembly welcomed the invitation of the Government of Portugal to host the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, held at Lisbon from 8 to 12 August 1998,

Welcoming the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, hosted by the Government of Portugal in cooperation with the United Nations, as well as the support of the Government of Portugal for the holding of the third session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System, held at Braga, Portugal, from 2 to 7 August 1998,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,² and the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes, adopted by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth;³

2. *Takes note* of the holding of the third session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System, at Braga, Portugal, from 2 to 7 August 1998, and appreciates the support of the Government of Portugal;

3. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to make all possible efforts towards the implementation of the Programme of Action and to consider, within its framework, the appropriate ways and means to follow up the Lisbon Declaration, in accordance with their experience, situation and priorities;

4. *Invites* all relevant United Nations programmes, funds, specialized agencies and other bodies within the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and regional financial institutions, to give greater support to national youth policies and programmes within their country programmes as a way to follow up the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth;

5. *Reiterates* the call made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth to strengthen the Youth Unit of the United Nations Secretariat, through the provision of all necessary regular staffing and resources, for the fulfilment of its mandate, including to effectively assist in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

6. *Encourages* the regional commissions to follow up the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in their respective regions, in coordination with regional meetings of ministers responsible for youth and regional youth non-governmental organizations, and to provide advisory services to support national youth policies and programmes in each region;

² A/54/59

³ Document WCMRY/1998/28, chap. I, resolution 1.

7. *Endorses* the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth that 12 August be declared International Youth Day⁴ and recommends that public information activities be organized at all levels to support the Day as a way to promote better awareness, especially among youth, of the Programme of Action;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to participate actively in the effective follow-up to the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 52/83 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/55 and within the framework of the Programme of Action;

9. *Recommends* that the second World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth be organized under the aegis of the United Nations and takes note with appreciation of the offer made by the Government of Turkey to organize the second World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth together with the fifth session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System and the World Youth Festival;⁵

10. *Welcomes* the offer of the Government of Senegal to host the fourth session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System in 2000;⁶

11. *Calls upon* Member States, all United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations to continue to implement fully the guidelines for further planning and follow-up in the field of youth, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/14, and the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, adopted by the Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17, and in particular to facilitate, in accordance with these resolutions, the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations;

12. *Recognizes* the important role that could be played by the United Nations Youth Fund for the implementation of agreed programmes and mandates on youth, including the provision of support for youth activities promoting South-South cooperation;

13. *Invites* all Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Fund and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions to encourage contributions;

14. *Recognizes* the important role of non-governmental youth organizations in the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national and international levels, and in the development and evaluation of national policies, in particular concerning youth, and encourages Governments to ensure that the perspective of young people is reflected in national policies and programmes;

15. *Calls upon* all States, all United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to exchange knowledge and expertise on youth-related issues, upon setting up the ways and means to do so;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution and, in particular, on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth.

⁴ Ibid., resolution 2.

⁵ See E/CN.5/1999/14, annex.

⁶ See A/54/66-E/1999/6.